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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 18, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.